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**"BATTLE OF
THE TITANS!"**

**GREAT SCOTT! THE
ROBOT WE SENT AGAINST
THAT CREATURE IS
STARTING TO ABSORB
ITS DESTRUCTIVE ENERGY!
NOW WE HAVE A DOUBLE
MENACE ON
OUR HANDS!**



EACH OF THE THREE FAMOUS MEN HAD A SHADOWY SECRET IN HIS LIFE. AND THEN A STRANGE METAL CAST ITS BRILLIANCE ON THOSE OMINOUS SHADOWS, EXPOSING THEM TO THE WORLD! WHAT WAS THE WEIRD PATTERN THAT LAY BEHIND...

THE MENACE OF THE MAGIC METAL

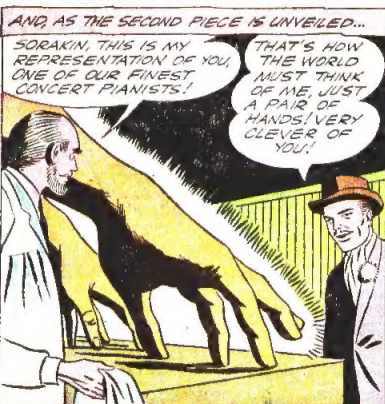
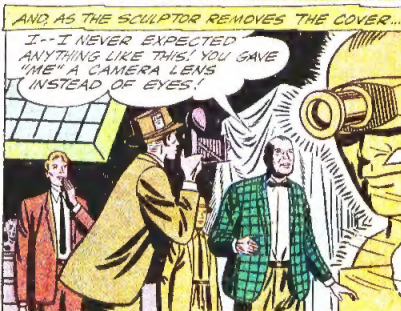
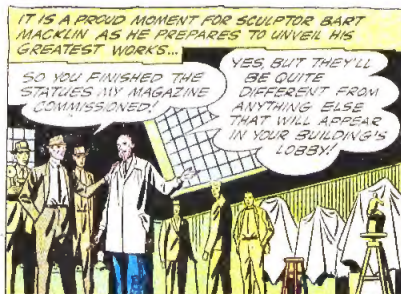


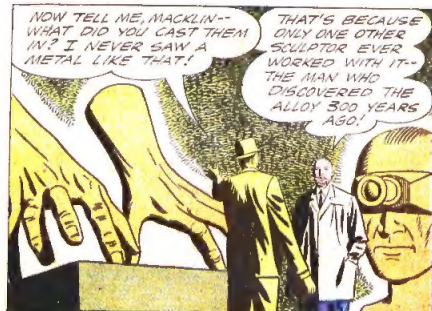
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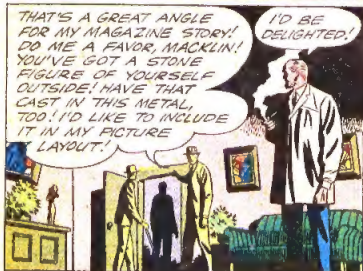




NOW TELL ME, MACKLIN--
WHAT DID YOU CAST THEM
IN? I NEVER SAW A
METAL LIKE THAT!

THAT'S BECAUSE
ONLY ONE OTHER
SCULPTOR EVER
WORKED WITH IT--
THE MAN WHO
DISCOVERED THE
ALLOY 300 YEARS
AGO!

POROBUND, A GREAT EUROPEAN
SCULPTOR, HAD A SECRET
FORMULA WHICH HE CALLED "THE
GOLD OF THE GODS." HE CLAIMED
IT HAD SOME MAGIC POWER!
WHILE ABROAD, I FOUND HIS
FORMULA AND RECREATED IT!



THAT'S A GREAT ANGLE
FOR MY MAGAZINE STORY!
DO ME A FAVOR, MACKLIN!
YOU'VE GOT A STONE
FIGURE OF YOURSELF
OUTSIDE! HAVE THAT
CAST IN THIS METAL,
TOO! I'D LIKE TO INCLUDE
IT IN MY PICTURE
LAYOUT!

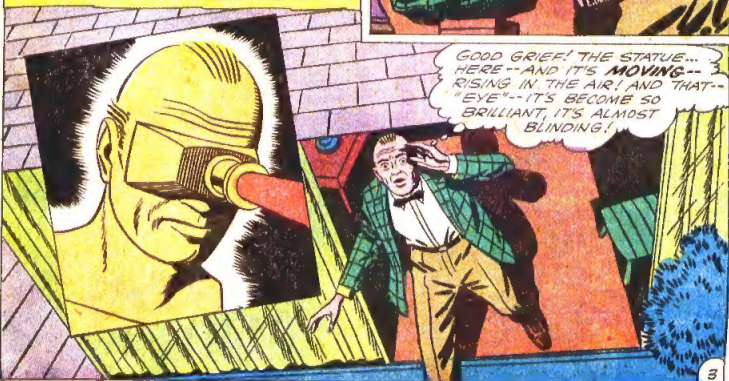
I'D BE
DELIGHTED!

THAT NIGHT, AS DOUDE SITS IN HIS LIVING
ROOM, REFLECTING ON HIS SUCCESS...



I'VE COME A LONG WAY
FROM A SLUM KID TO A
CELEBRITY WITH A
STATUE CARVED OF
HIM!

SUDDENLY, DOUDE, BOLTS TO HIS FEET,
STARTLED BY AN AWESOME SIGHT...



GOOD GRIEF! THE STATUE...
HERE--AND IT'S **MOVING**--
RISING IN THE AIR! AND THAT--
"EYE"--IT'S BECOME SO
BRILLIANT, IT'S ALMOST
BLINDING!

AND, NO SOONER DOES HE FLEE FROM THE BUILDING THAN...

OH, NO! THAT BLAZING "EYE" -- IT SET THE BUILDING ON FIRE!



WITHIN MINUTES, RAGING FLAMES CONSUME THE HOUSE, LEAVING NOTHING BUT SMOKING RUBBLE...

IT'S STRANGE, MR. DOUDE! I NEVER SAW A FIRE WORK SO FAST! SAY, HERE COMES A REPORTER! HE SEEMS TO HAVE FOUND SOMETHING!

LOOK AT THIS-- A SINGLE SHEET OF PAPER SURVIVED THE BLAZE--AND WAIT! TILL YOU READ IT!



WHY, MR. DOUDE-- THIS IS YOUR DISCHARGE FROM PRISON! YOU'RE AN EX-CONVICT! AND THE PRESS HAS THE STORY NOW!

IT WAS THE ONE THING THAT COULD DESTROY MY CAREER! THAT CURSED ALLOY WAS BEHIND THIS... AND MACKLIN MUST HAVE KNOWN ITS POWER! SINCE HE'S RUINED MY LIFE, HE DOESN'T DESERVE TO LIVE!



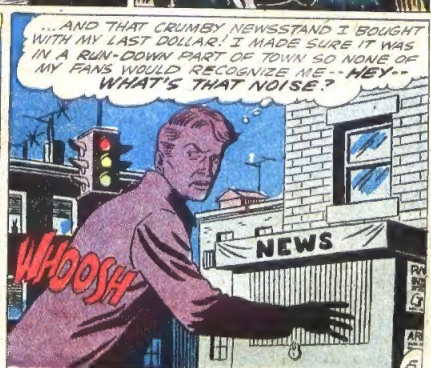
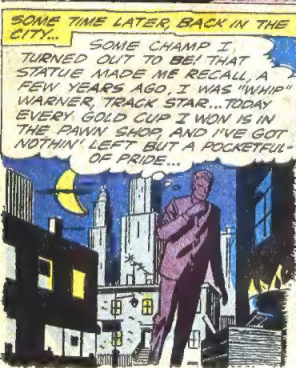
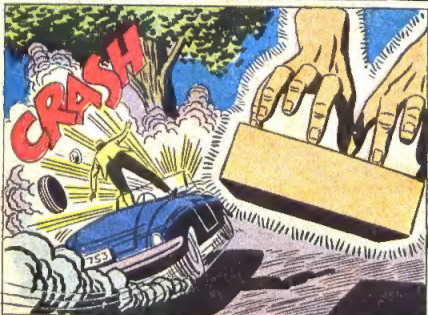
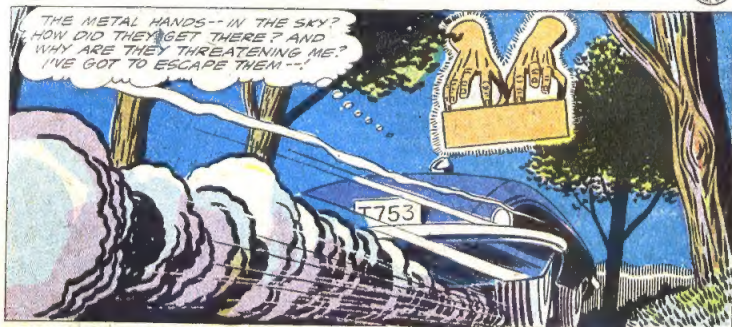
MEANWHILE, ON A LONELY HIGHWAY, ANOTHER DISASTER LOOMS...

I'VE GOT JUST ENOUGH TIME TO CATCH THAT PLANE FOR EUROPE! MY REPUTATION FOR MISSING CONCERT ENGAGEMENTS HAS GROWN WORSE EVERY YEAR! IF I MISS THE PLANE, I'M THROUGH! NO MANAGER WOULD EVER BOOK ME AGAIN!



BUT I WON'T MISS IT! AND THE PUBLICITY ABOUT MY STATUE WILL MAKE ME BIGGER THAN-- GREAT SCOTT-- WHAT'S THAT COMING AT ME?







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FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, HE STANDS ROOTED BY THE SHOCKING SIGHT OF THE GOLDEN LEGS FLASHING DOWN TOWARDS HIM... THEN DODGES JUST IN TIME...

THE LEGS! THEY CAME ALIVE TO DESTROY MY LAST PIECE OF SECURITY! WHAT KIND OF WICKEDNESS DID MACKLIN UNLEASH WITH HIS MAGIC ALLOY? HE'LL PAY FOR THIS-- WITH HIS LIFE!



BUT EVEN AT THAT MOMENT, SOMEONE ELSE IS ABOUT TO COLLECT THAT PAYMENT...

SO, AFTER I SERVED TIME FOR A MINOR OFFENSE, I WENT STRAIGHT! A FELLOW-INMATE BEGAN TO BLACKMAIL ME! I PAID THOUSANDS EVERY YEAR TO PROTECT MY REPUTATION! NOW YOU TOOK THAT FROM ME!

WAIT, DOUDE! THERE MUST BE SOME LOGICAL EXPLANATION!



THAT NONSENSE ABOUT POROBUNO'S MAGIC METAL IS MERELY SUPERSTITION! YOU MUST'VE SEEN YOUR HOUSE BURNING AND IT INDUCED A HALLUCINATION! YOU ONLY THOUGHT YOU SAW THE STATUE CAUSING IT!

REALLY? THEN TRY TO EXPLAIN THE GIANT HANDS THAT ATTACKED ME!



I'D HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF IF THE HANDS **HAD** DESTROYED ME! BUT ALL THEY DID WAS DELAY MY TRIP LONG ENOUGH TO RUIN MY CAREER! BUT IF MY CAREER IS DEAD-- SO IS YOURS, MACKLIN!

NO! NO! YOU'RE MAD-- BOTH OF YOU!



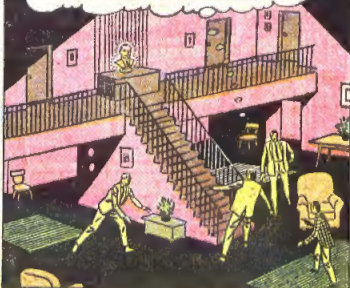
FRANTICALLY, MACKLIN WHIRLS AND RACES TOWARD THE BACK DOOR WHEN...

YOU WON'T ESCAPE MACKLIN! I DON'T KNOW WHY THOSE OTHER TWO WANT YOUR SKIN, BUT I KNOW WHY I DO! YOU STOLE THE LAST SHRED OF SELF-RESPECT I HAD--YOU AND YOUR WITCH-DOCTOR'S METAL!

NO! I'M INNOCENT! I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS! I EVEN CAST MY OWN STATUE FROM POROBUNO'S ALLOY!

REALIZING HE CAN'T ESCAPE THE GRIM TRIO, MACKLIN DASHES BACK...

ONE CHANCE LEFT! GET UP TO THE BEDROOM, LOCK MYSELF IN AND PHONE THE POLICE!



THEN, AS HE BEGINS TO BOLT UP THE STEPS...

MY OWN STATUE--IT TOPPLED WITH-OUT ANY CAUSE--BLOCKING MY ESCAPE!

STILL THINK THERE'S NOTHING TO THIS CURSE, MACKLIN? EVEN WHEN IT TRAPPED YOU YOURSELF?



SLOWLY, THE GRIM, VENGEFUL TRIO CONVERGE ON THEIR VICTIM, WHEN, ABRUPTLY, A VOICE FILLS THE ROOM...

--AND OUR FINAL ITEM IS A WARM, HUMAN INTEREST STORY! IT'S THE STORY OF THREE FAMOUS MEN, A PROMINENT CAMERAMAN, A FAMOUS PIANIST AND A FORMER TRACK STAR!

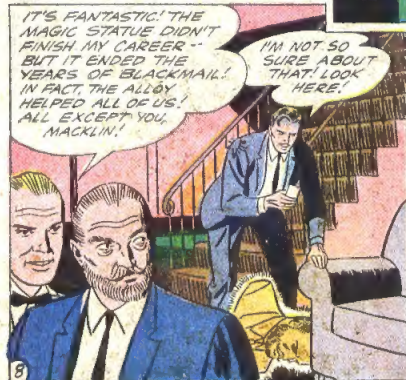
WHAT!?



HARRY DOUDE FEARED SOME DAY THE WORLD WOULD LEARN OF HIS ONE, CRIMINAL ERROR! IT DID -- BUT ALL DAY TELEGRAMS AND CALLS HAVE FLOODED HIS STUDIO, IMPLOING THE COMPANY TO FORGET DOUDE'S PAST AND GIVE HIM THE BREAK HE DESERVES!

IT--IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!





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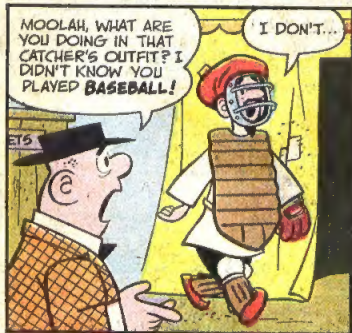
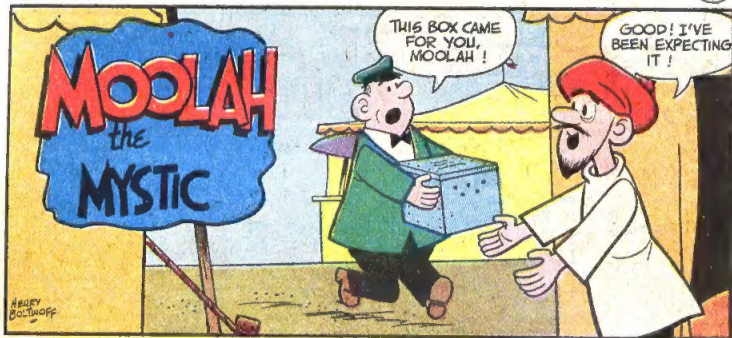
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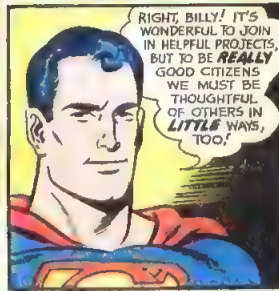
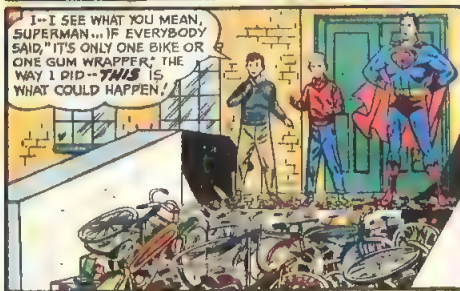
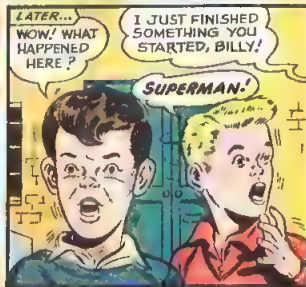
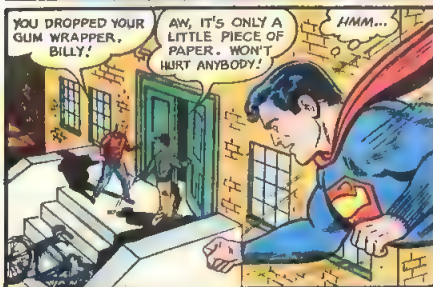
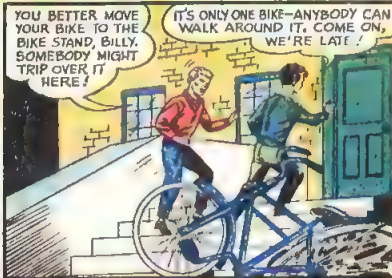


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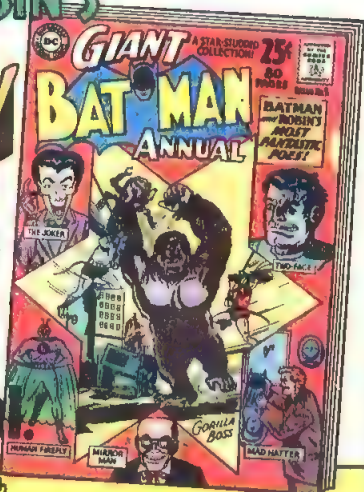
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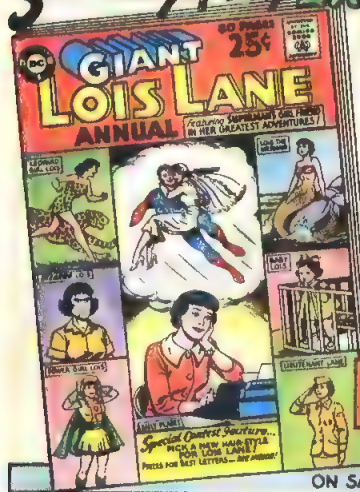
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ON SALE EVERYWHERE ... JUNE 7th



THE INCREDIBLE CONTEST WAS A BOLD, DESPERATE, LAST-DITCH ATTEMPT TO SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY FROM THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCES THAT HAD COME ALIVE! BUT MARK MERLIN SOON LEARNED THAT HE HAD UNLEASHED AN EVEN GREATER MENACE, WHEN HE STAGED

the **BATTLE** of the **TITANS**

OH, NO, MARK.
YOU RUINED
OUR LAST CHANCE
TO STOP THAT ROBOT
BEFORE IT CAN
UNLEASH THE
CREATURE.

A
**MARK
MERLIN
MYSTERY**

MESKIN



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IN A REMOTE MOUNTAIN LAB MARK MERLIN, FAMED SLEUTH OF THE SUPERNATURAL, AND HIS PRETTY ASSISTANT, ELSA, VISIT AN OLD FRIEND...

PROFESSOR "HARRY" YOU'VE CERTAINLY CREATED A REMARKABLE ROBOT. CAN YOU PERFORM ANYTHING BESIDES THESE LITTLE CHORES?

IT'S JUST A FEW ALTERATIONS. MARK WILL BE READY FOR ANY PROJECTS.

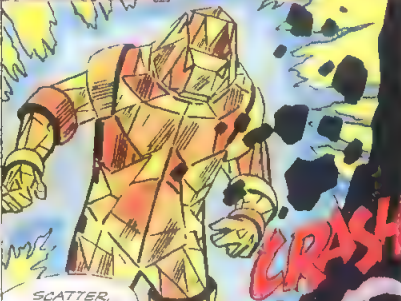
PROFESSOR! I'M THE FOREMAN OF THE CONSTRUCTION GANG DOWN THE WAY. MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN WHAT JUST HAPPENED... PLEASE FOLLOW ME

SURELY COME ALONG MARK AND ELSA

SOON... FIGURE THAT OUT PROFESSOR! WE WERE BLASTING THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN FOR OUR ROAD WHEN WE UNCOVERED A CAVE... AND LOOK WHAT CRAWLED OUT.

GOOD GREE, WHAT- EVER S--- IS ALIVE!

WITH A STRANGE, PULSATING SOUND THE FANTASTIC CREATURE GROWS LARGER AND LARGER, UNTIL...



CRASH

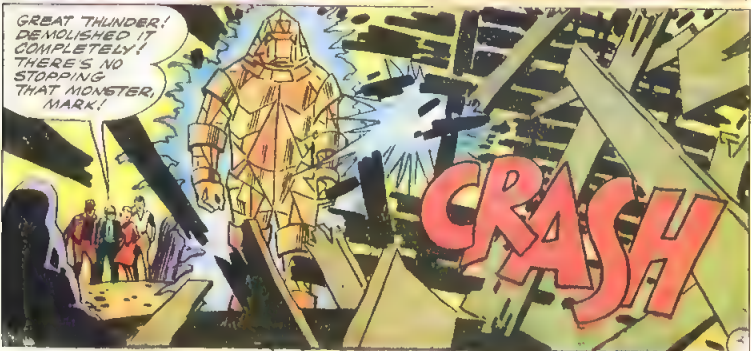
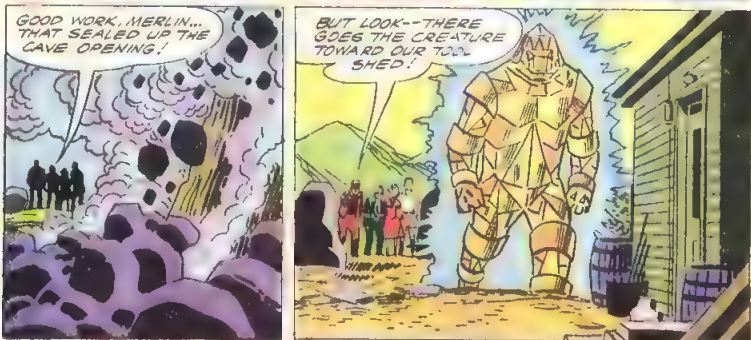
YES ELSA--AND IT'S BEGINNING TO GROW AND TAKE SHAPE

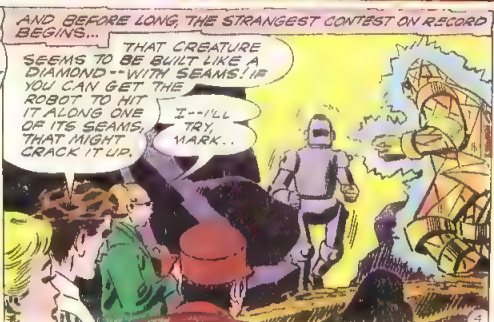
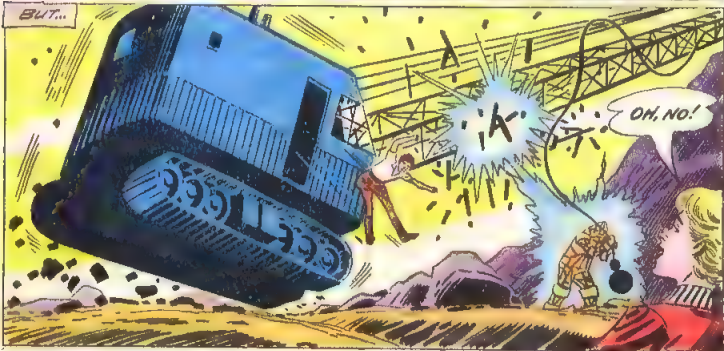
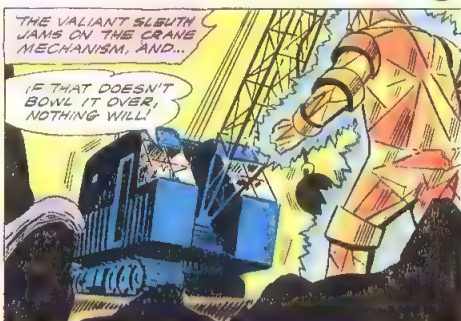
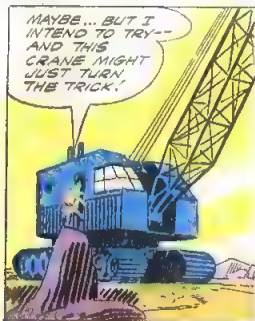
SCATTER, EVERYONE: THE THING IS NOTHING BUT RAW, DESTRUCTIVE ENERGY!





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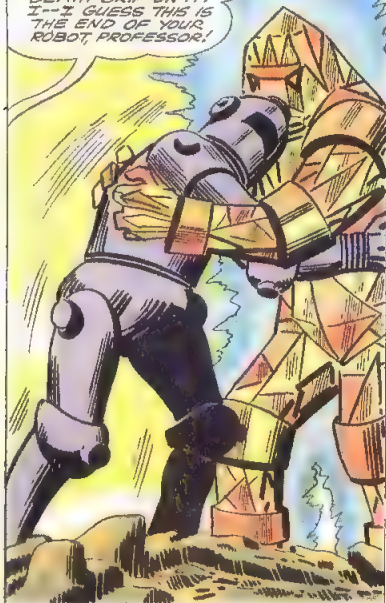


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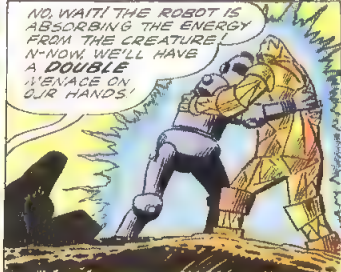


BUT BEFORE THE ROBOT CAN GET IN ITS BLOW...

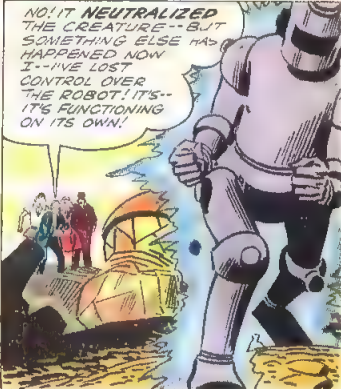
OH, NO! THAT CREATURE HAS A--A DEATH GRIP ON IT! I--I GUESS THIS IS THE END OF YOUR ROBOT, PROFESSOR!



NO, WAIT! THE ROBOT IS ABSORBING THE ENERGY FROM THE CREATURE! N--NOW WE'LL HAVE A **DOUBLE** VENACE ON OUR HANDS!

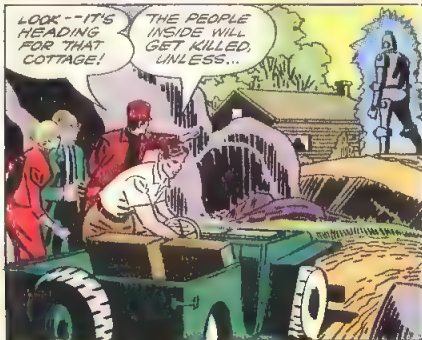


NO! IT NEUTRALIZED THE CREATURE--BUT SOMETHING ELSE HAS HAPPENED NOW I--I'VE LOST CONTROL OVER THE ROBOT! IT'S--IT'S FUNCTIONING ON ITS OWN!



LOOK--IT'S HEADING FOR THAT COTTAGE!

THE PEOPLE INSIDE WILL GET KILLED, UNLESS...

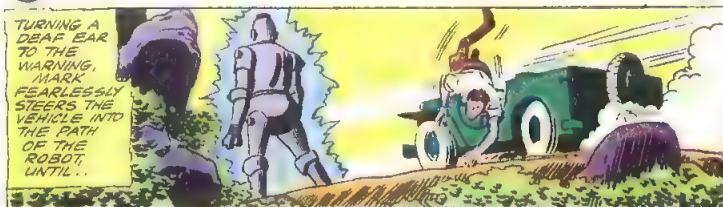


NO, MARK--COME BACK! IF YOU COULDN'T STOP THE CREATURE WITH A GIANT CRANE, YOU'LL NEVER STOP THE ROBOT WITH A JEEP!

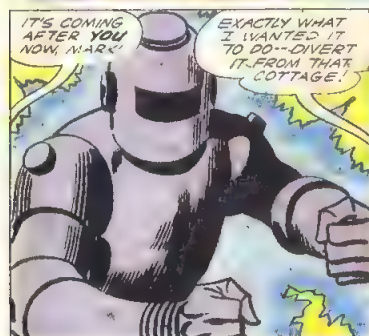
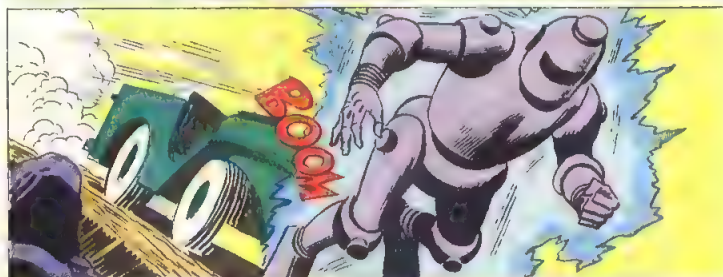




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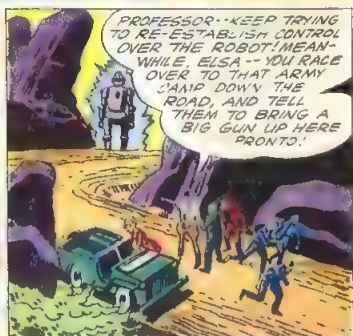


TURNING A DEAF EAR TO THE WARNING, MARK FEARLESSLY STEERS THE VEHICLE INTO THE PATH OF THE ROBOT, UNTIL...



IT'S COMING AFTER YOU NOW, MARK!

EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED IT TO DO--DIVERT IT FROM THAT COTTAGE!



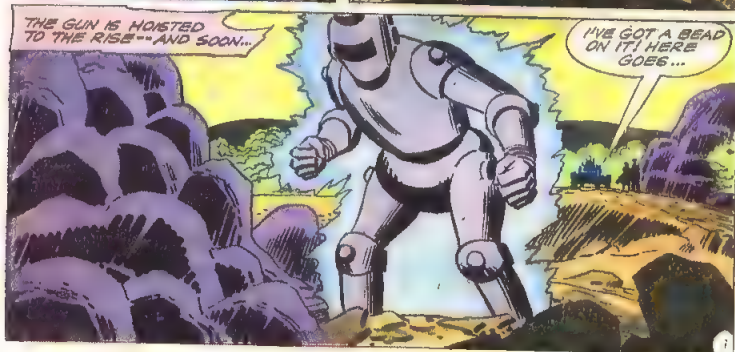
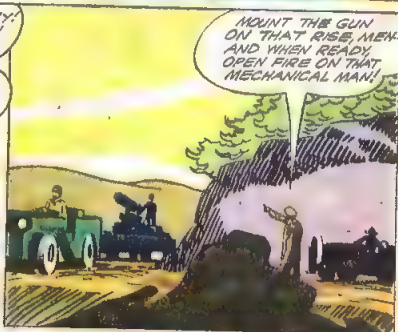
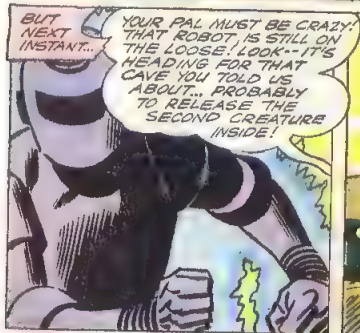
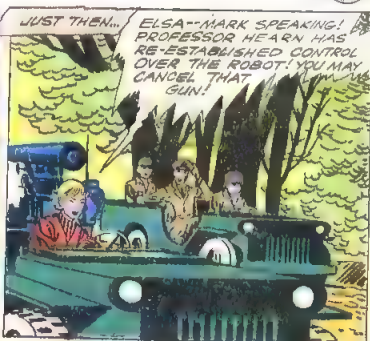
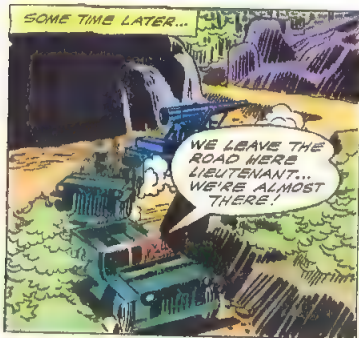
PROFESSOR--KEEP TRYING TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTROL OVER THE ROBOT! MEANWHILE, ELSA--YOU RACE OVER TO THAT ARMY CAMP DOWN THE ROAD, AND TELL THEM TO BRING A BIG GUN UP HERE PRONTO!



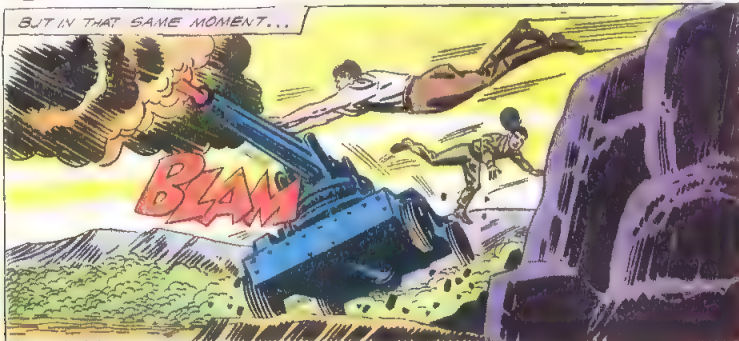
TAKE THIS WALKIE-TALKIE ALONG, ELSA, SO WE CAN MAINTAIN CONTACT!



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BUT IN THAT SAME MOMENT...

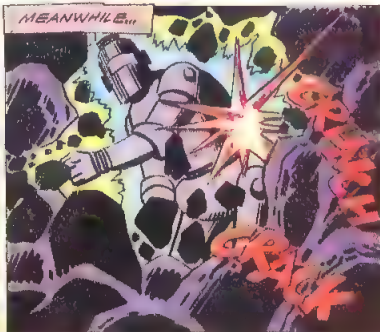


WHAT GIVES
WITH THAT
PAL OF
YOURS?

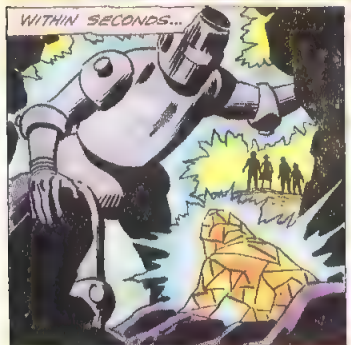
I--I DON'T KNOW, HE
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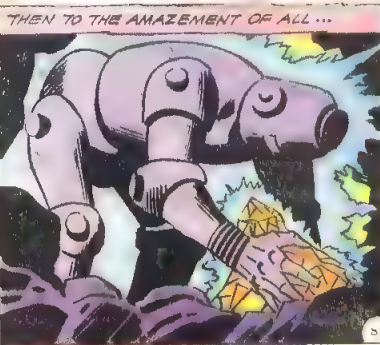
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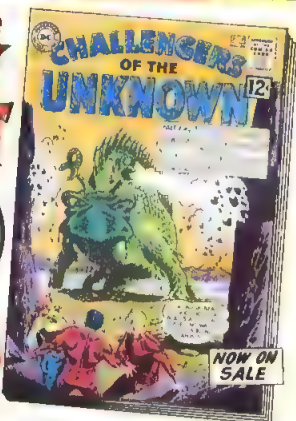
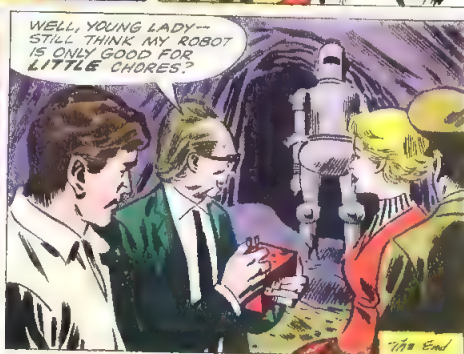
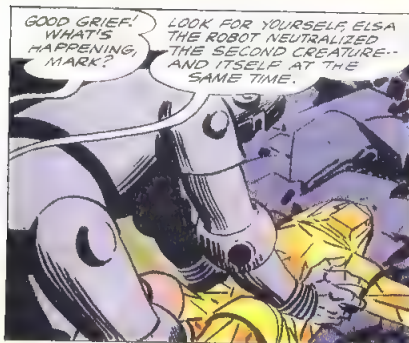


WITHIN SECONDS...

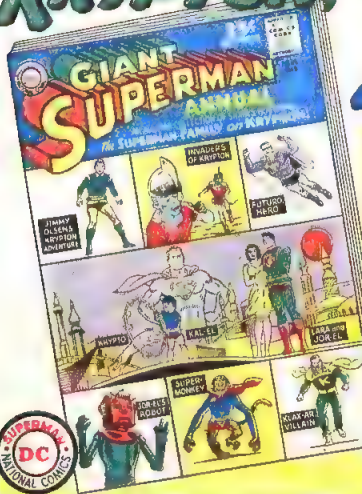


THEN TO THE AMAZEMENT OF ALL ...





KRYPTON, the world where **SUPERMAN** was born, **LIVES AGAIN!**



IN THIS SENSATIONAL **ALL-KRYPTON ALBUM!**... SELECTED FROM HUNDREDS OF PAST ISSUES, THESE STAR STORIES REVEAL THE INNERMOST SECRETS OF THE **SUPERMAN FAMILY** BEFORE **KRYPTON** PERISHED! YOU HAVE A DATE WITH THIS MIGHTY SUPER-RACE IN THE NEXT...

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HOUSE OF SECRETS MAILBOX

IN deference to the demands of innumerable readers, this page henceforth will be devoted to letters from fans. Although the regular title of the new department will be *House of Secrets Mailbox*, it seems more than fitting to initiate the project by introducing you to the men who have made *Mark Merlin* the stellar feature that it is. Future issues will present the capsule careers of other artists and writers, whose talents have been evident in the absorbing and exciting features that have appeared in this magazine.

Comics magazine fans are familiar with the name of Mort Meskin. Years ago, he blazed trails through the comics art world with such DC features as *Star Man*, *Johnny Quick*, and *Vigilante*. In *Mark Merlin*, he again demonstrates his unique ability to capture fluid motion and mood—a style which has been copied by many topflight artists and illustrators, who readily admit to having patterned their work after his.

It was during his high school days that art began to play a vital role in his life and ultimately to shape his future. While he was on the varsity track squad and a gymnastic star, the urge to draw was stronger than his desire to be an athletic ace. He quit both teams when he was offered the art editor's job on the school's magazine and newspaper.

On graduation, he entered college, but he quit after a couple of years to become a jack-of-all-arts. He studied and graduated from the Pratt Institute, then went on to the Art Students League, where under the tutelage of the famous artist, Mario Cooper, he won the signal honor of having one of his works chosen as the best water color of the year. He became, by turn, a lithographer, an etcher, water colorist, illustrator, sculptor, and portrait painter. But it was in the comics field that he found his forte.

During the last war, he illustrated a book that depicted the history of the United States that was published by the Office of War In-

formation and orientation pamphlets, which were distributed to soldiers and sailors overseas.

Today, Meskin's athletic prowess is confined to bowling, in which he scores a constant 165. He gets additional exercise prowling through New York's many museums. When not reading comics, to keep abreast of the field, he reads mysteries and books about anthropology.

The man behind the typewriter is Jack Miller. His vast experience in writing makes him the ideal author for *Mark Merlin's* bizarre adventures in the supernatural. Not only has his name appeared on paperback and hard-cover novels, but full-hour and half-hour television dramatic shows have borne his byline.

During World War II, Miller also put in a stint with the Office of War Information, interviewing heroic servicemen and civilians and writing feature stories about the European underground and guerrilla fighters. This was followed by a job with the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, where, after a period of training, he did his share in turning out combat planes.

In addition to writing an occasional non-fiction book, and currently preparing a new television series, Miller concentrates on his comics magazine work. He is the author of the highly popular *Rip Hunter*, *Time Master*, *Aquaman*, *John Jones*, *Manhunter from Mars* and other fast-paced features in *House of Mystery*, *Blackhawk*, *My Greatest Adventures*, and *Unexpected*.

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Now, reader, this page is turned over to you. Let's hear from you—your witticisms and criticisms, your bouquets and brickbats. We'll print the best letters. Send your communications to: HOUSE OF SECRETS, c/o National Periodical Publications, 575 Lexington Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.



HE WAS A HERO OF SPACE, A MAN WHO HAD PIERCED THE DARK UNKNOWN, BUT SUDDENLY, HIS DARING MADE HIM A TARGET FOR A RUTHLESS PLOT THAT MEANT DANGER TO ALL AROUND HIM! FOR HE HAD BECOME...

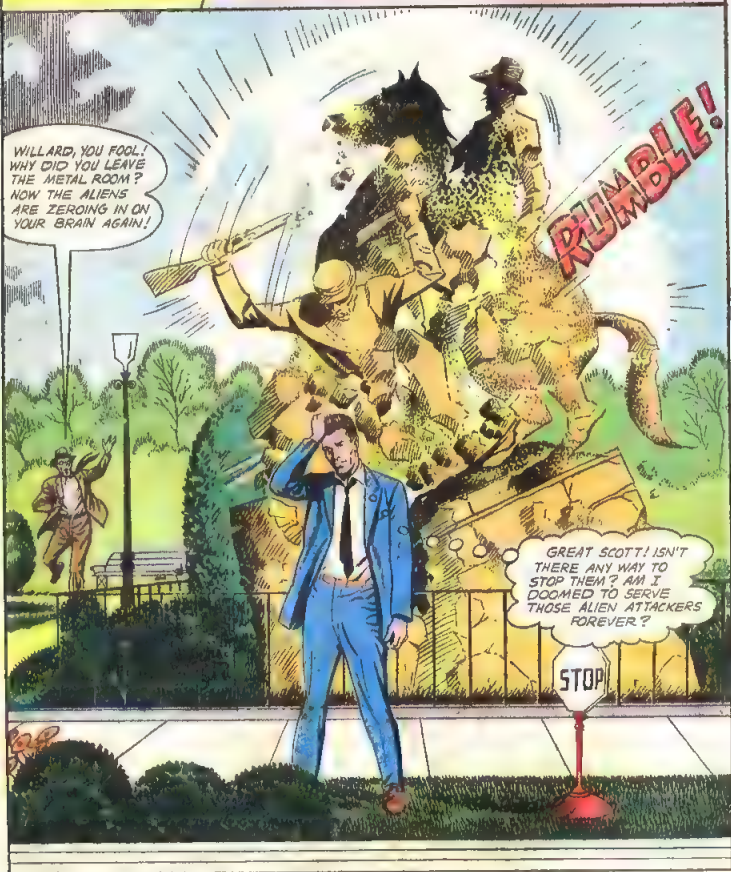
the REMOTE-CONTROLLED MAN

WILLARD, YOU FOOL! WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE METAL ROOM? NOW THE ALIENS ARE ZEROING IN ON YOUR BRAIN AGAIN!

RUMBLE!

GREAT SCOTT! ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO STOP THEM? AM I DOOMED TO SERVE THOSE ALIEN ATTACKERS FOREVER?

STOP



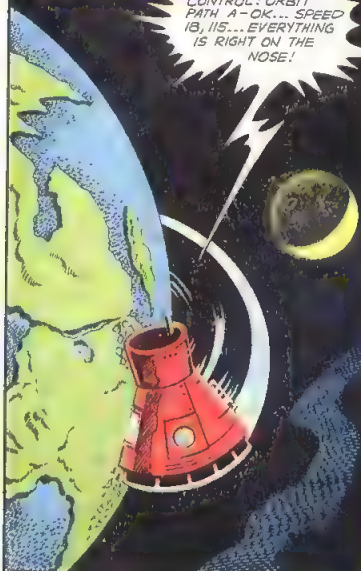


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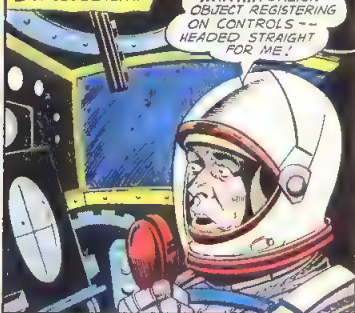
HIGH OVER EARTH, A MANNED MISSILE GOES ROARING INTO ORBIT...

WILLARD TO CONTROL! ORBIT PATH A--OK... SPEED 18, 115... EVERYTHING IS RIGHT ON THE NOSE!



BUT SUDDENLY...

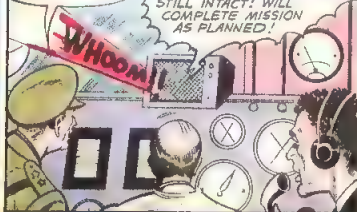
WAIT!... FOREIGN OBJECT REGISTERING ON CONTROLS-- HEADED STRAIGHT FOR ME!



NEXT MOMENT, DOWN IN THE GROUND CONTROL TOWER...

GREAT SCOTT HE'S BEEN HIT!

HELLO, CONTROL! MADE CONTACT WITH A METEORITE... CAPSULE WEAKENED, BUT STILL INTACT! WILL COMPLETE MISSION AS PLANNED!



UPON RETURNING, THE ASTRONAUT IS WHISKED TO BASE HOSPITAL, WHERE...

YOU'RE A LUCKY MAN, CAPT. WILLARD! THERE ARE NO CONVENTIONAL SIGNS OF INJURY OR INFECTION! OF COURSE, THE SPACE-MEDICINE BOYS WILL WANT TO EXAMINE YOU TOMORROW!

RIGHT... BUT THE BEST THING FOR YOU, STEVE, IS A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP! I'LL PICK YOU UP IN THE MORNING!

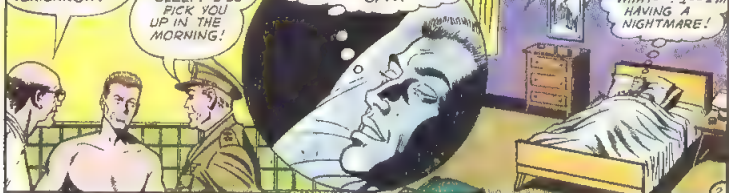
THAT NIGHT, AS THE WEARY SPACEMAN'S HEAD HITS THE PILLOW...

YOU ARE ONE LUCKY BOY, CAPT WILLARD! IF THAT METEORITE HAD PLUNGED ANOTHER INCH INTO THE SHELL, YOU'D BE A FROZEN FLOATER IN DEEP SPACE INSTEAD OF...

JUST THEN...

ATTENTION, EARTHLING! THIS IS THE PLANET HAJUROK! WE ARE NOW IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH YOUR BRAIN, THROUGH RADIO-TELEPATHY!

WHAT--? I--I'M HAVING A NIGHTMARE!





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THIS IS NO DREAM, EARTHMAN! WHAT YOU THOUGHT WAS A METEORITE HITTING YOUR SHIP WAS OUR Z-BEAM, WITH WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE OUR FIRST CONTACT WITH AN EARTH BRAIN!

JUMPING JONAH! THAT FERIE VOICE IS SO REALISTIC, I CAN ALMOST SEE THE FACE IT BELONGS TO!

WHEREVER YOU GO, OUR INSTRUMENTS WILL SEEK OUT YOUR BRAIN PATTERN AND DESTROY EVERYTHING AROUND YOU-- UNTIL EARTH SURRENDERS TO US! AND IF YOU TRY TO AVOID OUR RADIO WAVES, WE WILL DESTROY YOU!

NO! I WON'T HELP TO CONQUER MY OWN WORLD... I WON'T!

YOU'LL NEVER FORCE ME TO-- TO... HEY... EASY, FELLER! WHO ARE YOU SHOUTING AT? IT WAS JUST A BAD DREAM!

SECONDS LATER, AS HE DASHES FROM THE TOTTERING HOUSE...

BUT A MINUTE LATER...

CRACK!

THE ROOM-- IT'S SHAKING... CEILING SPLITTING OPEN! GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

IT WASN'T A NIGHTMARE! FROM MILLIONS OF MILES OFF, THOSE ALIENS PULVERIZED THE HOUSE, TO PROVE THAT TO ME! BUT... BUT WHO'LL EVER BELIEVE MY STORY?



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IT IS THEN THAT A CAR SCREECHES TO A HALT AND AN EXCITED DRIVER LEAPS OUT...

WHAT HAPPENED? I'M HOBART MANLEY, A PHYSICIST! I'VE SPENT YEARS TRYING TO DETECT INTELLIGENT RADIO SIGNALS FROM SPACE... AND TONIGHT, FINALLY, I HEARD THEM-- BEAMED STRAIGHT AT THE HOUSE!

WHAT? THAT MEANS THERE'S SOME PROOF OF MY STORY!



QUICKLY, STEVE UNFOLDS HIS ASTOUNDING EXPERIENCE...

HMM... THIS IS TERRIBLY SERIOUS! SO LONG AS THEIR RADIO WAVES CAN REACH YOU, YOU'RE A THREAT TO ALL AROUND YOU! BUT I KNOW ONE WAY TO BEAT THEM!

WHAT IS IT? I'LL GO ANYWHERE, DO ANYTHING TO KEEP FROM SERVING THOSE INVADERS!



IN REPLY, MANLEY DRIVES STEVE TO HIS HOME, WHERE...

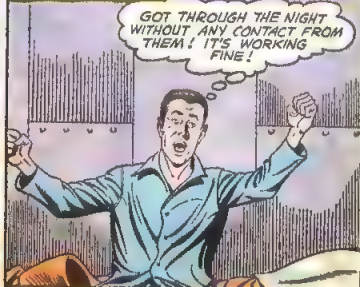
THIS IS IT... A RADIO-WAVE-PROOF ROOM! I USE IT TO TEST EQUIPMENT WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM STRAY RADIO WAVES!

BUT... CAN IT BLOCK OFF THOSE ALIENS' SIGNALS?



BY THE FOLLOWING MORNING, STEVE HAS HIS ANSWER...

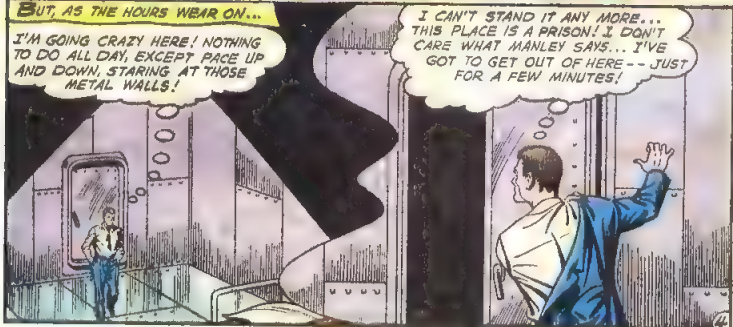
GOT THROUGH THE NIGHT WITHOUT ANY CONTACT FROM THEM! IT'S WORKING FINE!



BUT, AS THE HOURS WEAR ON...

I'M GOING CRAZY HERE! NOTHING TO DO ALL DAY, EXCEPT PACE UP AND DOWN, STARING AT THOSE METAL WALLS!

I CAN'T STAND IT ANY MORE... THIS PLACE IS A PRISON! I DON'T CARE WHAT MANLEY SAYS... I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE-- JUST FOR A FEW MINUTES!



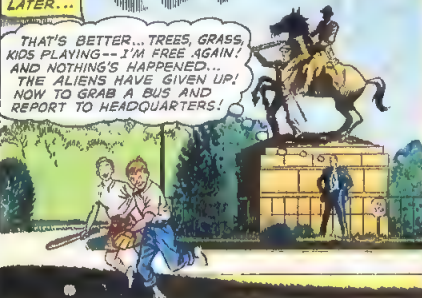


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OUTSIDE,
AWHILE
LATER...

THAT'S BETTER... TREES, GRASS,
KIDS PLAYING-- I'M FREE AGAIN!
AND NOTHING'S HAPPENED...
THE ALIENS HAVE GIVEN UP!
NOW TO GRAB A BUS AND
REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS!



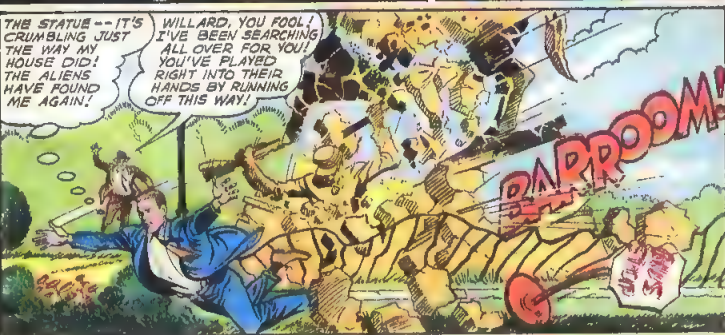
BUT, AS HE WAITS FOR THE DELAYED
BUS...

HEY, THIS IS TOO MUCH!
NOT A BUS FOR FORTY MINUTES
OR MORE! I COULD HAVE
WALKED TO-- WAIT!...
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?



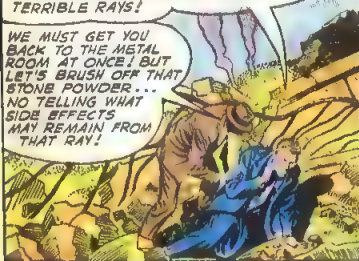
THE STATUE -- IT'S
CRUMBLING JUST
THE WAY MY
HOUSE DID!
THE ALIENS
HAVE FOUND
ME AGAIN!

WILLARD, YOU FOOL!
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING
ALL OVER FOR YOU!
YOU'VE PLAYED
RIGHT INTO THEIR
HANDS BY RUNNING
OFF THIS WAY!



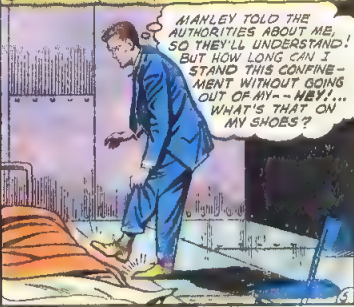
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL! I'M AFRAID
YOU'RE RIGHT, MANLEY... AS LONG AS I'M
IN THE OPEN, THOSE ALIENS WILL USE MY
BRAIN PATTERN TO ZERO IN THEIR
TERRIBLE RAYS!

WE MUST GET YOU
BACK TO THE METAL
ROOM AT ONCE! BUT
LET'S BRUSH OFF THAT
STONE POWDER...
NO TELLING WHAT
SIDE EFFECTS
MAY REMAIN FROM
THAT RAY!



BACK IN THE ROOM, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

MANLEY TOLD THE
AUTHORITIES ABOUT ME,
SO THEY'LL UNDERSTAND!
BUT HOW LONG CAN I
STAND THIS CONFINEMENT
WITHOUT GOING
OUT OF MY-- HEY!...
WHAT'S THAT ON
MY SHOES?



IT'S SOME POWDERED STONE THAT MANLEY NEGLECTED TO WIPE OFF! BUT...SPRINKLED IN WITH THE STONE IS SOMETHING LIKE-- **GOLD**--IN FACT, I'LL BET MY SHIRT IS GOLD!



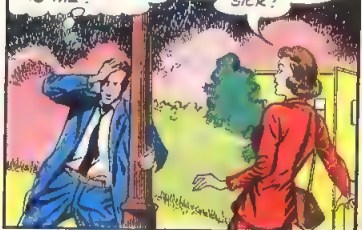
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN THE STONE WHEN THE STATUE WAS FORMED! THAT MEANS-- HMMM... THAT MEANS I'M BEGINNING TO SMELL A GIANT RAT! BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PROVE IT... I MUST SLIP OUT OF HERE AGAIN!



BUT THIS TIME, WHEN STEVE DEPARTS...

DIZZY... SUDDENLY FEEL WEAK! NOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, MISTER? YOU LOOK AWFULLY SICK!



THAT NOISE... IT'S STARTING AGAIN! GET AWAY FROM ME, LADY... GET AWAY OR YOU'LL BE KILLED!

OWW! YOU MUST BE CRAZY!

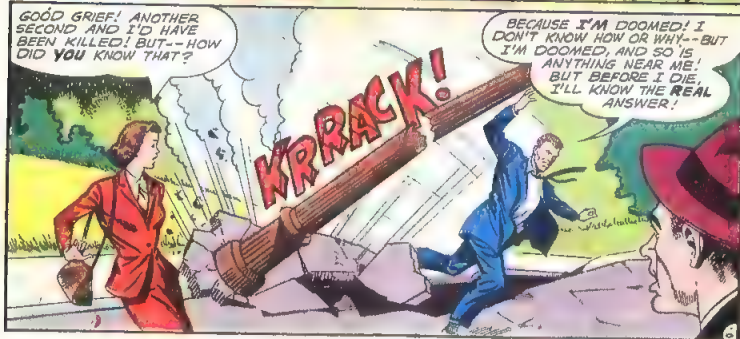
RRRUMBLE!



GOOD GRIEF! ANOTHER SECOND AND I'D HAVE BEEN KILLED! BUT--HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?

BECAUSE I'M DOOMED! I DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHY-- BUT I'M DOOMED, AND SO IS ANYTHING NEAR ME! BUT BEFORE I DIE, I'LL KNOW THE REAL ANSWER!

WRRACK!





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FRENZIED FOR TIME, YET AFRAID TO USE AN ENCLOSED VEHICLE, STEVE RACES THROUGH THE STREETS, UNTIL...

THERE IT IS...THE PLACE THAT WAS ONCE MY HOME! IT'S NOTHING BUT RUBBLE NOW, BUT IN THAT HEAP OF DUST MAY BE THE ANSWER TO THIS AWFUL PUZZLE!



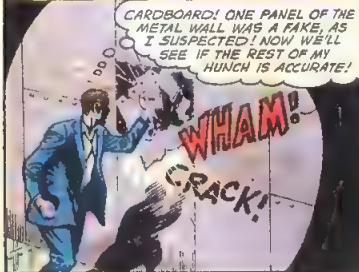
SLOWLY, CAREFULLY, STEVE SEARCHES AMID THE DEBRIS...

THE LIGHT FIXTURE FROM MY BEDROOM--AND THE BULBS. THEY'VE BECOME PURE GOLD! AND BETWEEN THEM--A MINIATURE RADIO! NOW THE WHOLE THING IS GETTING CLEARER... THERE'S JUST ONE MORE THING TO CHECK!



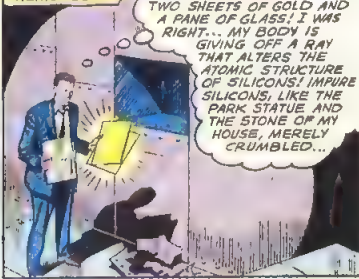
RETRACING HIS STEPS, STEVE DASHES BACK TO THE METAL ROOM, WHERE HE BEGINS FRANTICALLY POUNDING ON THE WALLS...

CARDBOARD! ONE PANEL OF THE METAL WALL WAS A FAKE, AS I SUSPECTED! NOW WE'LL SEE IF THE REST OF MY HUNCH IS ACCURATE!



QUICKLY, HE REACHES INTO A METAL VAULT BEHIND THE CARDBOARD PANEL AND REMOVES...

TWO SHEETS OF GOLD AND A PANE OF GLASS! I WAS RIGHT... MY BODY IS GIVING OFF A RAY THAT ALTERS THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE OF SILICONS! IMPURE SILICONS, LIKE THE PARK STATUE AND THE STONE OF MY HOUSE, MERELY CRUMBLLED...



...BUT THINGS WITH A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF PURE SILICON, LIKE THOSE LIGHT BULBS AND THESE SHEETS OF GLASS, BECAME PURE GOLD! MANLEY WANTED ME IN THIS ROOM TO BOMBARD THE HIDDEN GLASS WITH MY RAYS--NOT TO PROTECT ME FROM SOME ALIEN RADIO WAVES!

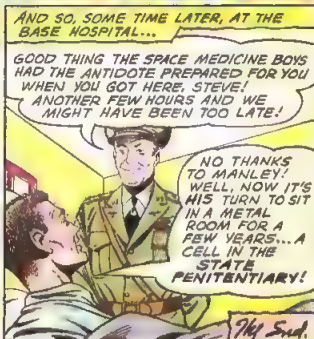
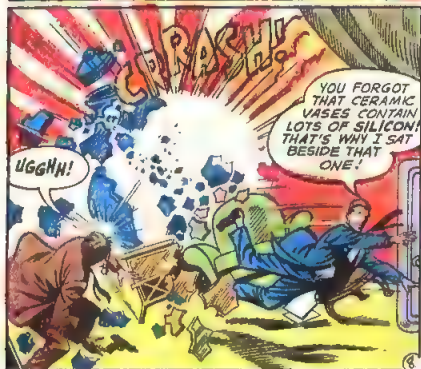
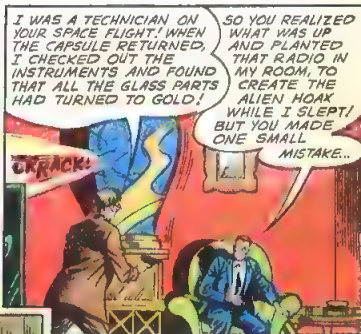
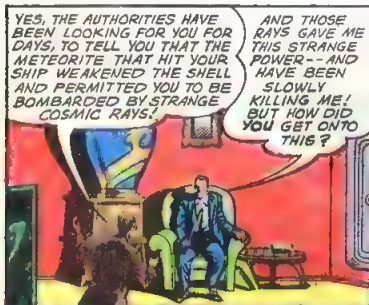


BUT AS STEVE DASHES OUT WITH PROOF OF MANLEY'S GUILT...

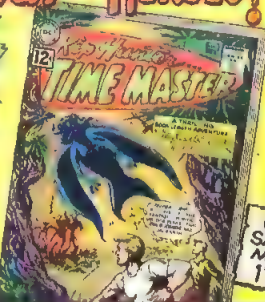
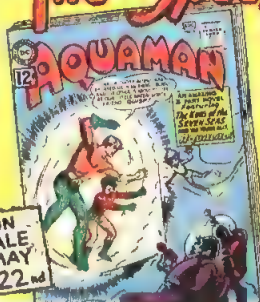
SO YOU FOUND ME OUT, EH, WILLARD? WELL, YOU WON'T LIVE TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT! PITY I HAVE TO SHOOT YOU NOW--BECAUSE YOU'D BE DEAD IN ANOTHER DAY OR TWO ANYHOW!

I THOUGHT SO! WHATEVER HAPPENED TO MY BODY IS DESTROYING ME NOW! I-I FEEL WEAK, MANLEY... LET ME SIT DOWN!



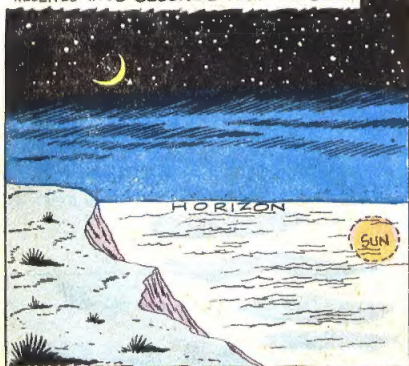


Two Spectacular Heroes!



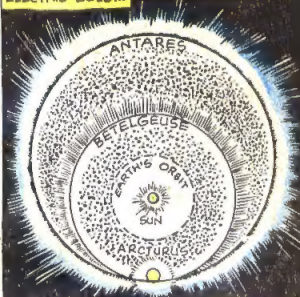
AMAZING RATIOS!

DURING THE COURSE OF A YEAR, THE EARTH RECEIVES AS MUCH HEAT AND LIGHT FROM THE MOON AS IT RECEIVES IN **13 SECONDS** FROM THE SUN...



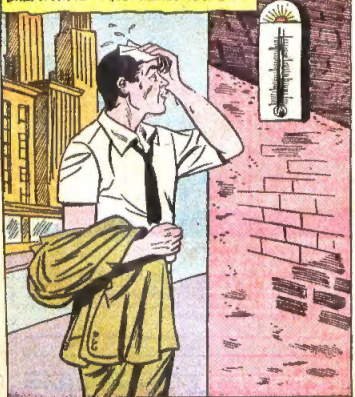
THE CURVE OF THE CRESCENT MOON ALWAYS POINTS TOWARD THE SUN (SHOWN IN OUTLINE BELOW THE HORIZON) BECAUSE THE CRESCENT IS A PART OF THE SIDE LIT UP BY THE SUN.

THE DENSITY OF SUPERSIANT STARS IS SO LITTLE THAT IF ONE OF THEM WERE CONDENSED TO THE SIZE OF THE EARTH, IT WOULD WEIGH THE SAME AS A LOCOMOTIVE--AND EVERYTHING ON THE CONDENSED STAR WOULD BE AS THIN AND LIGHT AS THE VACUUM INSIDE AN ELECTRIC BULB...



THREE GIANT STARS, COMPARED WITH THE SIZE OF EARTH'S ORBIT--186,000,000 MILES IN DIAMETER.

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YES! Your Success Story Can Soon be like John Sill and thousands of my pupils. Think of it — a skinny weakling like you became a **MAGNIFICENT MR. MUSCLES** — won a **BIG SILVER TROPHY**, his name, accomplishments engraved on it and \$100. A few weeks before, everybody picked on John, too weak to fight for his rights. TODAY everybody admires John's movie star build, he-man STRENGTH, his mighty ARMS, heroic CHEST, slender WAIST, rock-like TORSO, broad manly BACK, wide military SHOULDER, new popularity with the BOYS and GIRLS. His winning drive in ALL SPORTS, his energy at work and studies.

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are, if you are in your teens, twenties or thirties, I'll show you in just 10 thrilling minutes a day in your home, you can make yourself over by the easy, quick method I turned myself from a wreck to a tower of strength and endurance.

YES! YOU'LL ADD INCH upon INCH of MIGHTY MUSCLES to your ARMS, YOU'LL DEEPEN your CHEST, BROADEN your BACK and SHOULDERS. From HEAD to HEELS you'll gain SIZE, POWER, LIGHTNING SPEED, ENDURANCE. You'll become the **SUCCESSFUL HE-MAN** in LOOKS and ACTS — a WINNER IN EVERYTHING, athletics, business, studies.

**DEVELOP YOUR 520 MUSCLES
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**I GAINED
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Coupon
I was a
125 lb.,
6 ft.
skinny
weakling



says **JOHN SILL**

I added 7 inches to
MY CHEST, 3 1/2 IN-
CHES to EACH ARM.
No, Pals! You don't
have to be a chick-
en-chested skinny
weakling like I was
only a few weeks
ago.

This Can Be
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Wm. Butler,

says to **YOU** "No
matter **WHAT** your
age, I advise you to
SEND for the **ABC**
WONDER PICTURE
COURSES at once
Under the World's
greatest home train-
ing **BODY BUILDER**.
I now have 18 1/2"
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greatly improved. So
have my sports. I have won titles
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How would
YOU
like to have 18 1/2"
inch ARMS, a 52
inch CHEST like
this **ABC** pupil
NOW HAS?

**I BROKE A
WORLD'S
STRENGTH
RECORD!**

JIM NORMAN
became Athlete of
the Year. Lifted
the front end of a 2700 lb.
Car. Quit, being a bag-of-
bones weakling like I was,
in 10 minutes of fun a day.
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ALL HE DID FOR ME! I
gained 25 TERRIFIC LBS.
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you do
NOW.



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☐ I want to add inches of muscle to my ☐ ARMS ☐ CHEST

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